

### GIRL, 10, SHOWS WAY TO WIN NEW "BIKE"

#### Gets Seven Subscriptions in One Hour in Ledger Contest

### WATCH YOUR STEP, BOYS!

The boys can go way back and sit down. That's what one little girl, who is ten years old and lives in North Twenty-fifth street, has decided, so far as the Public Ledger's new "Bike" contest is concerned.

But we won't go quite that far, because, after she has won her own bicycle, she is going to win another for her four-year-old brother, Jack. She asked her aunt last night, "What would you do—win one for little brother, and then get one for yourself or get one to ride around on, and so collect subscriptions faster?"

She decided on the efficiency method. First, this young lady whose first name is Margaret, went to lunch with her uncle. She got the subscription of the chief of the owner of the restaurant, of the waitress and of a customer. "They can all spare twelve cents a week," she remarked, as she looked over her slip.

Then she went to Fourth and Walnut streets, where she met a man who was waiting for a car. She asked him to go to Wilmington.

Margaret has secured the whole city shall be her territory. Within an hour after she had received her bicycle, she had seven subscriptions. All were from total strangers.

This is the spirit that is spreading among girls and boys, young and old, in this very city contest, a contest that brings the woods and the fields and the cool paths of the suburbs ever so near the pavement home, and that costs only twelve cents a week and does not hurt to get. And that bicycle does mean so much!

Vacation time is very near. There are so many things to do. But trolley fares are higher than a year ago, and anyhow, you don't get the breeze in your face riding in a stuffy car. When you have your own bike—well, all the tomboys and the he-boys and the rest of 'em are keen for the ownership of a Black Beauty.

There are always quiet streets where the auto means do not threaten, where you can ride at leisure out to open fields and flowers and springs and moss and pointed rocks and ferns and brooks. So the girls are well in the van in this contest. The boys will indeed have to be careful to keep from being beaten out of the honors.

### Suffering Rife in Colorado Towns

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Governor Shoup took part, repair of the levees was decided upon as one of the first problems to be met. It was considered possible that aid of the Federal Government would be sought.

The South Side of the city, which was isolated from the remainder of the city by flood waters, early today was making stock of its losses and anxiously awaiting restoration of communication with the city proper that the full extent of the disaster Pueblo has suffered may be realized.

There was no official estimate this morning of the number of casualties or the property loss in this part of town. Among the homes destroyed were those of Dorothy Metz, Pueblo; T. Hall, Pullman porter, Denver; Doris Seaber, Pueblo; Frank Erwin, Pueblo; and Evans, Kansas City. Mr. John Harroer, E. C. Hames and Henry Miller, all of Pueblo.

The problem of caring for refugees on the South Side became serious yesterday. Homes, schools and churches were used to house the refugees and a soup line was established, while lunches were served in the high school building.

Floods of lesser magnitude were reported early today by several towns in Kansas. All are along the course of the Arkansas River, which overflowed its banks here. Syracuse and Gardner, Kansas, have reported sweeping floods and all towns in the Arkansas Valley have been warned of the rising river.

Las Animas Also Flooded  
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe shops at La Animas are under a deluge of water, the railroad yards are swamped and two locomotives and 200 freight cars were swept away. A score of lives are believed to have been lost.

Two hundred residences in Las Animas were under three feet of water last night. Inhabitants fled to public buildings and to the highlands, leaving the residence section would be swept away. Four persons were drowned when the American Belt Sugar Co. Mexican colony, Montezuma, on the river bank, was destroyed by flood waters. 2000 hogs and 300 cattle were lost.

All river bridges on the Santa Fe Railway and lines of track in a score of places between the Kansas line and Pueblo were washed out. The losses will run into the millions.

Cave Hermit Drowns  
Reports received from Lake Charles, fifteen miles south, told of the probable drowning of a hermit who lived in a cave near that place. He had been there for years in the cave, which was on the high banks of the St. Charles River. It was near the same spot, Lake Charles reports said, that a woman and four children were drowned.

After two nights and most of today's rain on a small island in the Arkansas River, below the mouth of the Ed Harrison, of Denver, and P. D. Spieker, of Pueblo, managed to attract attention and were rescued by Colorado guardsmen.

Harrison was a passenger on a Denver and Rio Grande train which was wrecked by the flood in the railroad yards early Friday night. He managed to escape from a coach and swim to a floating log to which he clung until he was cast up on the island.

Early Friday morning Spieker's home was torn from its foundation and the cottage, with Spieker riding on its roof, was sent spinning down the torrent. It lodged against the same small island upon which Harrison already had been marooned.

The Platte River broke its banks at Denver shortly after midnight, inundating several blocks of the west side residential section, from which people fled their homes, taking refuge in the city hall. Red Cross stations cared for the homeless. Last reports from Denver early this morning said that the river was within one foot of the bridge structures in the business section and still rising.

Three times yesterday once a renewal of the flood here. At 4 o'clock in the morning water rose several feet when the crest of the flood from the breaking

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Pueblo, Col., June 6.—(By A. P.)—Sergeant Willoughby, of the United States Army, here to train National Guard troops, said warning of the flood was given throughout the district Friday night and that many persons laughed at it and refused to leave.

Later in the night Sergeant Willoughby aided in clearing back crowds from the vicinity of the river as the water swept into the bottoms. Cries of persons trapped in their homes could be heard, he said, but no one could assist them. He said men could be seen running ahead of the waters, breaking windows and looting. Many of the dead, he believed, represented persons who declined to heed the flood warnings or who did not understand the gravity of the situation.

of the Stratton Park dam near Colorado Springs reached Pueblo. In the middle of the afternoon breaking of the Stratton Reservoir and Denver Dam, near Victor, equipped with a heavy downpour of rain in the Arkansas River watershed and in Pueblo, caused another rise. Again last night followed another heavy rainstorm. In none of the floods yesterday, however, did the waters reach the level of Friday night.

Food Supplies Nearly Gone  
The amount of railway lines leading to the stricken area created a menacing situation to be overcome today. Food supplies in Pueblo were estimated by Red Cross officials as being less than sufficient for three days. Roads to the city are impassable for miles around.

Efforts are being made to transport food from surrounding towns by airplane. Several machines have already been sent out with blankets and medical supplies. A virtual embargo on all shipments to Pueblo has been effected by most all railroads entering the city. The only drinking water available today is from a lithia spring on a hill at the outskirts of the city.

A heavy downpour of rain continued all through last night and the early morning today. Military outposts were handicapped by the impassable streets, pitch darkness—the city's electric service station having been cut out of communication since early Friday evening—and the unrelenting downpour.

All persons have been kept from the streets since Saturday evening. Looting has been held to a minimum. No one is permitted to enter the city except the military, Red Cross workers and State and other officials.

With the restoration of telegraphic communication early Sunday, the suffering community learned of relief measures undertaken by cities throughout the Middle West. A supply of coats, blankets, lanterns, candles and sweaters arrived yesterday from the Red Cross in Colorado Springs. Colonel F. J. Pierce, in charge of the Red Cross, said that so far he has been able to feed and clothe every person applying for aid.

Hundreds of persons applied to the Red Cross yesterday and Saturday for food, clothing and medical relief. A canteen supplied the food. A carload of beef was commandeered from the railroad yards and cooked to prevent the meat from materially aid the food situation. Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and other large cities closest to Pueblo have offered material aid immediately, but are unable to get their offerings to the community because of the hampered transportation conditions.

The basement of every building in the downtown section is filled with water and mud. Windows of basements were smashed in by the flood and military officials say that bodies may be found here.

Doctors and Nurses Arrive  
Fourteen doctors and twenty-five nurses arrived here last night from Colorado Springs. Fifteen embalmers are

### RIVER FLOOD RUSHING DOWN UPON KANSAS

Topeka, Kan., June 6.—(By A. P.)—The first wave of the Arkansas River flood today is sweeping down from Eastern Colorado upon Kansas. The river at Syracuse was bank-full at nightfall last night and rising rapidly. Farmers and ranchmen living in the bottoms yesterday moved their stock to the highlands. Men on horseback are patrolling the river west of Syracuse, warning the people to flee.

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The warning has been ample, and there need be no loss of life in Kansas, said F. C. Fox, general manager of the railroad. "The Santa Fe will co-operate with the communities along its line to keep the property loss down to the minimum."

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Incredibly swift is the rush of waters in the periodical floods that have become familiar to the older inhabitants of Pueblo, Col., and dwellers in the lowlands overwhelmed by the flood of last Friday night. Saturday and Sunday.

This is due to the geographical contour of the region, in which the Arkansas River comes from the mountains to the west of Pueblo by way of Royal Gorge, and splits the city in half, flowing eastward down through a remaining valley famous for the Rocky Ford cantaloupes.

From the north, up beyond Colorado Springs, the Fontaine de l'Abouille River, shortened in local nomenclature to "Fontaine," flows southward to meet the Arkansas River just below the town.

The original name of the Fontaine means "boiling water." At times in summer the bed of the river is almost dry; at other times it is a roaring torrent, dangerous to surrounding property and lives.

The Fountain and the Arkansas, too, are fed by scores of channels which are nothing more than powder-dry arroyos most of the year, but which carry the

### Passengers Died Smiling at Flood

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of a coach only to be washed down the flood.

White Hands Above Water  
"On either side of us, houses and barns and other buildings were swirling down. Many people were clinging to a house. The structure struck the bridge and crumbled like an eggshell. I saw their white hands a moment on the water."

Without other warning than the wall of the town "stren," which woke sleepers in the dead of night, the torrent came upon Pueblo Friday night, carrying death and destruction in its wake. It is said even this warning was not obeyed with the promptness that might have saved many lives.

### REPORTERS BRAVE DEATH TO GET NEWS

Denver, June 6.—(By A. P.)—Inflation in regard to conditions in flood-stricken and isolated Pueblo was obtained and forwarded to the outside world under conditions that were as trying and in some instances as hazardous as those which this suffering people of that city themselves underwent.

The first news of the disaster from Denver over the Associated Press leased wire and a Western Union Telegraph Co. wire, almost simultaneously. A few minutes later the Associated Press wire lost Pueblo the last Western Union operator to brave the rush of the flood city severe two Denver came around my feet." That was Friday night.

After that it was hours before communication between the two cities. The rest of the country was restored, over one Western Union wire. The first outside newspaper men to reach the flooded city were two Denver correspondents. One of them was an Associated Press staffman and the other a staff correspondent of the Denver Tribune. They went together early Saturday morning in an airplane from this city.

Later two more Associated Press correspondents and an Associated Press operator went to Colorado Springs from Denver by train and from Colorado Springs to Pueblo by automobile and on foot. Trains could not get within miles of Pueblo because of the flooding of the business section of the city and automobiles that managed to get around washouts on the roads had to stop at the city limits.

News of the conditions in Pueblo was obtained only under the greatest difficulties. Local newspapers, the police, the fire department, the military and the Red Cross were the first sources of information, as the high water and the strict vigilance of military guards made it impossible to get first-hand information until the necessary military passes had been obtained and provisions made for getting around through the mud, water and fires that overwhelmed the city. Correspondents had to work in relays to keep in contact with the low wire—and an uncertain wire at that—which connected Pueblo with Denver, the distributing center for news which dribbled out from the city.

From the tops of buildings newspaper men in Pueblo witnessed much of the disaster. They also used boats. The military wigwagged information when distance made it impossible to hear the human voice. Fire whistles served as signals for more urgent matters. Church bells also played their part in the transmission of emergency information. Half made in improvised swimmers, many of them Negroes, served as couriers.

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Pueblo, Col., June 6.—(By A. P.)—A graphic story of the flood was given to the Associated Press by M. J. Valley, of Denver, a Colorado and Southern Railroad engineer.

Valley was marooned by the flood with four other men for twelve hours. At one time his companions had to rub his limbs and body to keep his blood in circulation so that he could stand alone.

"I had been in a garage with a friend, when the flood waters swept into the garage. We climbed into the car, then on top of it.

"The flood waters reached us soon there, and we climbed into the second floor of the building and when that became flooded we smashed a hole in the roof and stepped out on it.

"The water crept on us then and it looked as if the building would go, so we stepped out on a pile of debris which had been stopped by telephone wires.

"From here, and with the aid of the cable, we rescued three men who were being swept past us by the current.

"Houses were being swept down the street past us, many of them with people inside crying for help. I don't know how many of them there were, or how many of them escaped.

"We were rescued by a boat crew at 2 o'clock Saturday morning.

In the Union Garage one man was rescued Saturday. He had floated with the flood to the ceiling of the building and had then pounded a hole through the roof big enough so that he could stick his head through and get air. The water came within three inches of the second floor. Another man with him might have saved his life if he kept his face up. His body was found jammed between the rafters. His name was Schoebe. He was the owner of a large shoe store.

C. L. Kerns was caught in the flood and swam into a building where he saw many tragedies. He saw three buildings on Union and Santa Fe streets caving in by a string of box cars which

### City to Do All Work On Streets October 1

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It takes care of all the refuse of a city of 500,000 people.

One of the heaviest items of expense to the contractor now is the cartage or hauling of ashes and rubbish to the dumps. These distances are growing longer every day as the city expands.

Anyhow, dumps are obsolete. The destructories overcome this needless expense. They do away with the long hauling. They abolish the unsightly dumps and they accomplish the work.

Under the contractor system the maintenance of these plants was impossible. No contractor, bidding from year to year, could afford to erect one. The city alone can do it.

Three such plants are included in the department's plans for the future; one in West Philadelphia and two in the northern part of the city. They will not be as costly as the Toronto plant, however.

Two Interesting Features Develop  
Two very interesting features have developed as the result of the city's experiment in street cleaning and ash collection. One is that for short hauls horse-drawn vehicles are more economical than motor trucks. The second is that attempts at salvaging refuse from the dumps for resale is unprofitable. It is cheaper to burn it.

A general depot is in contemplation for the repair of wagons, trucks, sweepers, and various apparatus and tools. Wheelwright and blacksmith shops and a general repair outfit are contemplated.

Such an establishment, it is estimated, will save the city thousands annually. Centralization will be the distinguishing feature of this new and improved system of conducting the city's business.

### EXAMINED FOR ORDINATION

Questions Candidates

Reading, Pa., June 6.—(By A. P.)—Preliminary to the meeting of the Pennsylvania Lutheran Ministerium here tomorrow, the Examining Committee of the Ministerium met the candidates for ordination today. The following young men were examined as to their fitness to become ministers of the gospel:

W. F. Cope, Perkasie; H. C. R. Dressel, Philadelphia; F. J. Eldler, Scranton; G. G. H. Gietz, Scranton; E. H. J. Hoh, Philadelphia; J. S. Kleckner, Philadelphia; H. C. Kraft, West Hazleton; H. J. Plum, Reading; A. F. Schmitz, Tannan; E. Edward Schwank, Boyertown; A. E. H. Tappier, Lancaster; and V. D. Naugle, Philadelphia.

The four days' session will be a busy one, as choice must be made of a successor to the Rev. Dr. H. A. Weller, of Philadelphia, who is completing the first five-year term of office as president.

### "CLASS DAY" AT URSINUS

Philadelphian is Elected Head of Alumni Athletic Club

Collegeville, Pa., June 6.—Commencement week at Ursinus College opened last night with a baccalaureate sermon on practical idealism by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Mutch, pastor of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Surprises are in store for the annual class day exercises this afternoon. Oratorical contests for both men and women will be held tonight. Tomorrow will be Alumni Day and Wednesday will be the great commencement.

Harry W. Mathies, of Philadelphia, was elected president of the Alumni Athletic Club at its annual dinner and business meeting, with W. R. Douthett, of Darby, secretary, and R. E. Miller, of Collegeville, treasurer.

The Ursinus Women's Club, meeting at the same time, elected Mrs. J. T. Ebert, of Collegeville, as president; Mrs. L. Arnet Shaffer, of Pottstown, secretary, and Mrs. George L. Omwake, treasurer.

### It is also obeying the mandate of the new City Charter.

Under the present contractor system

stables are scattered over the city, often in a financial feature of his plans which is characteristic of every large private business enterprise.

The cost of extending the municipality's work of street cleaning and the rubbish collection will not be increased in proportion to the extension of the work. This will be possible because of the city's control of every district.

The mobility of the working force, which will permit of the shifting and movement of men and machinery from one district to another and from one class of work to another, which is impossible under the present contractor system, without additional cost to the city and constant bickering with contractors, will result in a great saving to the city.

The showing thus far made by the Department of Street Cleaning and Ash and Rubbish Collection in the great charter endorsement the framers of the new charter could desire. Their far-sightedness in planning for the municipality to be its own street-cleaning contractor is a credit to their perspicacity and good judgment.

### To Repair Police Boat

The police boat Ashbridge, which was out of commission for a week, will leave today for Cooper's Point wharf for repairs and general overhauling.

The boiler is reported to be in bad shape, being pitted in many places. Various parts of the woodwork will have to be replaced before the vessel will be ready for service.



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